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Chapter 42: Meeting

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HEHE. HEHEHEHE

THANK YOU, HONORED BROTHER.

I'LL CELEBRATE THIS DAY EVERY YEAR SO I WON'T EVER FORGET ABOUT TODAY!

I'LL MAKE TODAY SORA-KUN KYOUGA-SAMA DAY.

DON'T. OKAY? IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S KYOUGA-SENPAI AND MY ANNIVERSARY

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BUT YOU WEREN'T EVEN HIS FAN DURING HIS TENNIS PLAYER DAYS.

HMM. WELL, I CHEERED FOR HIM

BUT NOW I LIKE HIM AS A PERSON.

HE'S POSITIVE AND LIVES HIS LIFE HONESTLY AND UNASHAMEDLY. I THINK THAT'S COOL.

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Reverse My LOVE Smash

I'm Too Handsome

I GUESS. SEEING HIM RELEASE SONGS WITH THOSE TITLES UNASHAMEDLY IS COOL... YEAH.

THEY'RE POPULAR SONGS.

Y-YEAH...

EVEN SO, IT'S TOO BAD THAT MOM AND DAD COULDN'T COME.

YEAH, AND IT WAS THEIR CHANCE TO MEET KYOUGA-SAMA, TOO

BUT WELL, THEY'RE ABLE TO MEET AYANO SORA THE TENNIS PLAYER.

I'M SURE THEY'LL BE A HUNDRED TIMES HAPPIER WITH THAT

...ANNOYING.

Ed NOTE: CLINGY, UPSETTING

WHAT IS THAT? ARE YOU CONSOLING YOUR DEAR BROTHER?

HOW CUTE CAN YOU GET, MY DEAR SISTER?

SO HAVE YOU MADE FRIENDS?

EHH, YOU'RE ASKING THAT AGAIN?

NOW, NOW. TALKING ABOUT IT WON'T HURT.

...IT'S NOT THAT I'VE NOT MADE FRIENDS NOT. I THINK.

THAT AGAIN? WHY CAN'T YOU CONFIDENTLY ANSWER?

IT'S SORT OF AMBIGUOUS WITH MY CURRENT FRIENDS...

I DON'T KNOW WHO I CAN AND CAN'T CALL A FRIEND ANYMORE

WHAT?

DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH YUU?

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU NEED TO TALK TO HIM? LET'S CALL HIM NOW--

WAAIIT!!

N-NOW? NOW'S A BIT... NEXT TIME!! I'LL CONTACT HIM MYSELF...!!

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I THINK THEY'LL BE DISAPPOINTED ONCE THEY FIND OUT THE REAL ME.

SO I HIDE BEHIND A SMILE...

I FEAR REJECTION, SO I CAN'T GET CLOSE TO THEM...

AND ALSO

I BE-COME ANXIOUS WHEN I THINK WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO BE TOGETHER LIKE BEFORE...

I HAVE A FEW PEOPLE I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S OKAY TO CALL THEM...

...MY FRIENDS.

Oh boy

WELL AT LEAST YOU HAVE A FEW.

I WAS WORRIED FOR NOTHING.

HUH?!

YOU MET REALLY GOOD FRIENDS THAT THE THOUGHT OF LOSING THEM SCARES YOU.

CLASH WITH THEM WITHOUT FEAR.

BRATS BECOME GOOD FRIENDS AFTER A FIGHT.

...I'M NOT A BRAT.

AND WE AREN'T FIGHTING IN THE FIRST PLACE.

HAHAHAHA IF IT'S NOT A FIGHT, THEN WHAT IS IT?

BUT SOMETHING HAPPEN BET-WEEN YOU AND THAT BASTARD YOU TO, YOU WANT ME TO CALL HIM NOW?

It bothers your brother so much I don't think I am not a white all alone tonight.

YOU'RE SO PER-SISTENT!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

BE IT FRIENDSHIP, HATRED, OR LOVE,

YOU SHOULD CHERISH EVERY EMOTION DIRECTED TOWARDS YOU.

I DON'T WANT HATRED AND IT ISN'T LOVE

Hehe

WHAT KIND OF FRIENDS DO YOU HAVE BESIDES YUU?

WELL...

LEAH, TENDOU-CHAN... AND TAGHBANA...-CHAN?

MR. AYANO...!! I LOVE YOU...!!

TSUBASA SUDDENLY SAID HER FRIENDS ARE COMING OVER. I THOUGHT ALL HER FRIENDS ARE GIRLS--

YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, TOO.

I'M PRETTY SURE I SAID TACHIBANA-KUN AND TENDOU-SAN.

TSU-BASA

HAS YOUR COLD GOTTEN WORSE? ARE YOU OKAY?

Tatsuki nurses Kaoru

JEEZ!

YOUR COLD RETURNED BECAUSE YOU WENT OUT WEARING LIGHT CLOTHES!

HAHAHA Y-YOU DON'T GET LOST ON YOUR WAY HERE, TENDOU-SAN?

TACHIBANA WAS WITH ME SO I WAS FINE.

UM, I'M...!! A REALLY HUGE FAN OF YOURS, MR. AYANO!!

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK! DOESN'T MY HAIRSTYLE LOOK A BIT SIMILAR WITH YOURS!?

THEY SAID IT LOOKS LIKE YOURS SO I KEPT IT AS IS!

I'M THINKING OF GETTING MY HAIR CURLED ONE DAY!!

I LIKE YOU!!

YOU SAY PRETTY CUTE THINGS.

Kaori is modest.

I'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU. IT'LL GIVE YOU AS MANY AUTOGRAPHS AS YOU LIKE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!! I'LL MAKE IT A FAMILY HEIRLOOM!! I LIKE YOU!!

OH, WHERE DID I PUT MY CELLPHONE!? AH, THERE IT IS! I'LL JUST CHECK IT BECAUSE NOW!

Ding Dong

Kaori checks her cellphone. She finds

LAST NIGHT

AFTER KNOWING NI-CHAN'S SCHEDULE IS FREE UNTIL TODAY

IT WAS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY SO I INVITED TACHIBANA-KUN AND TENDOU-SAN OVER

WHAT ABOUT YOU, CUTE LADY? DO YOU WANT MY AUTOGRAPH?

THE TWO OF THEM HAPPILY CAME

NO, THANK YOU.

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS DAY WILL BE A VERY LIVELY AND FUN DAY

I MET KYOICHI-SAMA LAST NIGHT

AND TODAY, TENDOU-SAN AND TACHIBANA-KUN ARE HERE IN MY HOUSE... WHAT A PERFECT SUMMER BREAK THIS IS...

Kaori's mind is blank. She doesn't know what to do.

HALLOO! TSUBASA-CHAN!

AH

OH! HOTARU-CHAN AND HIKARU!

HUH...

HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE YESTERDAY- SORA-CHAN INVITED US SO WE CAME~

Thanks for having us

I always come... to your house, unannounced, but today is

NO, I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!

HIKARU, YOU'VE GROWN!

WHERE'S YUU?

DIDN'T HE COME WITH YOU?

HE CAME WITH US.

YUU-NII, HURRY UP!

EVERY-ONE IS IN THE LIVING ROOM.

RIGHT! YOU DO SAY ICHINOSE-KUN LIVES NEXT TO YOUR HOUSE.

OUR PER-SONALITIES ARE VERY DIFFERENT.

ARE YOU HIS SISTER? YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR BROTHER.

YOU'RE TSUBASA-CHAN'S FRIENDS, RIGHT? LET'S GET ALONG <3

LIKEWISE. LET'S GET ALONG.

CALM DOWN, TSUBASA !?

IT'S TRUE THAT IT'S A BIT AWKWARD,

BUT YOU DON'T SOCK EM UP IN FRONT OF A LOT OF PEOPLE...!

HEY! LONG TIME NO SEE, STUPID BRAT.

CAN YOU STOP CALLING ME STUPID BRAT ALREADY?

SORA-NII.

I HAVE YOU A REASON.

FOR A MOMENT,

I THINK I FORGOT HOW TO BREATHE.

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